

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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CENSUS OF ELEPHANTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether census of elephants of 2007 has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details of the number of male and female elephants in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether the population of the elephants are decreasing in the country;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has received any report regarding the deaths of elephants particularly for ivory;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; (g) the allocation of funds for Project Elephant during the Eleventh plan; and (h) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the elephants?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a) to (d) Census of elephant for the year 2007 has been completed in all the States except North-Eastern States. As reported by the State Governments, the population of wild elephants have increased compared to the last census of 2002. State-wise comparative population for the year 2002 & 2007 with male-female sex ratio in adult population is at Annexure-I.
- (e) & (f) As reported by the State Governments, State-wise and year-wise number of elephants killed for ivory for last three years is at Annexure-II.
- (g) The outlay of the Project Elephant during the XI Plan is Rs.81.99 crores.
- (h) The Central Government is continuing with Project Elephant Scheme in the XI Plan for protection of elephants. Financial and technical assistance to the elephant range States are being provided to take up activities to protect the elephants.